each Gram Panchayat and salary to the GRS shall be payable out of the 4% administrative expenditure under the Act. States have also been directed to organize training programmes for the Panchayati Raj Institutions functionaries. So far 927766 PRI functionaries have been given training under NREGA.

Theft of expensive components of T-90 tanks

†*299. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incident of theft of very expensive components of T-90 tanks from the Gun Carriage Factory, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh has come to light;

(b) if so, the names of the components with their cost and the action taken so far after this incident;

(c) whether it is the first instance of theft or such theft has taken place earlier also; and

(d) the details of action taken by Government and efforts being made for prevention of theft from the important ordnance factory of the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No, Sir. Theft of expensive components of T-90 tanks has not taken place at Gun Carriage Factory, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Ordnance Factories are strategic defence establishments of the country and a structured security system is in place for prevention of theft.

Establishment of Military Tribunal

*300. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently decided to set up a Military Tribunal in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government also proposes to set up its Benches in different parts of the country;

(d) whether a Bench of the Tribunal is likely to be set up in the State of Uttarakhand; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (e) The Government have decided to establish an Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) for the adjudication or trial of disputes and complaints with respect to commission, appointments, enrolment and conditions of service in respect of persons subject to the Army Act, 1950, the Navy Act, 1957 and the Air Force Act, 1950 and also to provide for appeals arising out of orders, findings or sentences of Courts Martial held under the said Acts and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Principal Bench of AFT is being set up at New Delhi.

In addition to the Principal Bench, Regional Benches of the Tribunal will also be set up as per requirement. No decision as yet has been taken by the Government with regard to the setting up of the Regional Benches.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.